

have the opportunity to vote on maritime smuggling legislation. I am pleased to have been able to work with the Judiciary and Transportation Committees to craft this critical homeland security legislation. It addresses not only alien smuggling at sea, but also alien smuggling by land and air.

Specifically, the Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act includes tough new penalties for those who recruit, encourage, transport, or shield from detection aliens who cross our land, maritime, or air borders illegally. These enhanced penalties are essential to discouraging criminals from building tunnels in remote parts of the desert to smuggle aliens across our borders.

We know that the same people that smuggle drugs into our country are ready and willing to smuggle individuals who would do us harm. In fact, in January we learned of a plot to smuggle about 20 would-be terrorists into the United States from Mexico for \$8,000 a head. The drug dealers called them "Osama's guys."

The bill requires that interdicted smugglers and aliens be run against all available terrorist watch lists. This is an important step in protecting America from terrorists.

I would especially like to commend the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) for authoring this commonsense enforcement legislation. He is to be commended for his commitment to border security.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for working together on this important legislation and urge all Members to give it their support.

Mr. KELLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY).

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my friend Mr. HILL's bill to get tough on criminals who undermine our Nation's safety.

Mr. Speaker, the Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act is a commonsense bill whose time is overdue. This legislation clarifies current law and would more severely punish those criminals who smuggle illegal aliens into our country, lengthening the amount of time they would have to be imprisoned and providing strong new sentences for those who assist terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. HILL's bill recognizes that there must be real penalties for people who break our laws. When it comes to our immigration policies, we first need to prove to Americans that we can secure our borders against intruders and provide strong enforcement of existing laws. We need to get law enforcement and Federal agents all the tools they need to do their jobs effectively.

We should provide the resources and technology our businesses need to better verify the citizenship of potential

employees and crack down on employers who knowingly flout workplace laws. We must not provide amnesty for those who have broken our laws. And, Mr. Speaker, I regret that the recent proposal on comprehensive immigration reform in the Senate does not appear to have passed these tests.

I strongly urge my colleagues today to vote for H.R. 2399.

Mr. KELLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to vote "yes" on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I only want to make two points. The gentleman from Florida gave a discussion about the legislation and put it into the context of the Southern District of San Diego, and I just did want to note for the record that the Department of Justice that decided to recommend the U.S. attorney's termination had commended her specifically for her handling of immigration cases.

And the second point I guess I wanted to make on this issue was would it be that the people in charge had ensured that the offices most impacted by illegal immigration and by illegal alien smuggling and those districts on the border of this country had been given the resources to the Justice Department disbursed to the U.S. Attorney's Office so they weren't held under hiring freezes and constrained to try to deal with an enormous issue with a very limited number of prosecutors.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. BERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2399, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

S. 214, by the yeas and nays;
H.R. 2264, by the yeas and nays;
S. 1104, by the yeas and nays;
H.R. 2399, by the yeas and nays;
H.R. 1722, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining

electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 214, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 214.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 306, nays 114, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 397]

YEAS—306

Abercrombie	Dicks	Jindal
Ackerman	Dingell	Johnson (GA)
Allen	Doggett	Johnson (IL)
Altmire	Donnelly	Johnson, E. B.
Andrews	Doyle	Jones (NC)
Arcuri	Dreier	Kagen
Baca	Edwards	Kanjorski
Baldwin	Ehlers	Kaptur
Barrow	Ellison	Keller
Bean	Ellsworth	Kennedy
Becerra	Emanuel	Kildee
Berman	Emerson	Kilpatrick
Berry	Engel	Kind
Biggart	English (PA)	Klein (FL)
Bilirakis	Eshoo	Knollenberg
Bishop (GA)	Etheridge	Kucinich
Bishop (NY)	Fallin	Kuhl (NY)
Blumenauer	Farr	LaHood
Boren	Fattah	Lampson
Boswell	Ferguson	Langevin
Boucher	Filner	Lantos
Boustany	Flake	Larsen (WA)
Boyd (FL)	Fortenberry	Larson (CT)
Boyda (KS)	Frank (MA)	LaTourette
Brady (PA)	Garrett (NJ)	Lee
Brady (IA)	Gerlach	Levin
Brown-Waite,	Giffords	Lewis (GA)
Ginny	Gilchrest	Lipinski
Buchanan	Gillibrand	LoBiondo
Butterfield	Gillmor	Loeb sack
Camp (MI)	Gonzalez	Lofgren, Zoe
Capito	Goode	Lowey
Capps	Goodlatte	Lucas
Capuano	Gordon	Lynch
Cardoza	Green, Al	Mack
Carnahan	Green, Gene	Mahoney (FL)
Carney	Grijalva	Maloney (NY)
Carson	Gutierrez	Manzullo
Castle	Hall (NY)	Markey
Castor	Hare	Marshall
Chandler	Harman	Matheson
Clarke	Hastings (FL)	Matsui
Clay	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (NY)
Cleaver	Hayes	McCaul (TX)
Clyburn	Heller	McCollum (MN)
Cohen	Hensarling	McCotter
Cole (OK)	Herseth Sandlin	McCrery
Conyers	Higgins	McDermott
Cooper	Hill	McGovern
Costa	Hinchey	McHenry
Costello	Hinojosa	McHugh
Courtney	Hirono	McIntyre
Cramer	Hobson	McNerney
Crowley	Hodes	McNulty
Cuellar	Holden	Meehan
Cummings	Holt	Meek (FL)
Davis (AL)	Honda	Meeks (NY)
Davis (CA)	Hoolley	Melancon
Davis (IL)	Hoyer	Michaud
Davis, Jo Ann	Hulshof	Miller (MI)
Davis, Lincoln	Inglis (SC)	Miller (NC)
DeFazio	Inslee	Miller, George
Delahunt	Israel	Mitchell
DeLauro	Jackson (IL)	Mollohan
Dent	Jackson-Lee	Moore (KS)
Diaz-Balart, L.	(TX)	Moore (WI)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Jefferson	Moran (KS)